

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Bob Francis et al.

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FORMAT

Group Art Unit: 3624

Examiner : Thu Thao Havan

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2005, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments to the application be entered by the Examiner:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.